CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, December 12, 2011	CASE NUMBER: C15-2011-0138			
Jeff Jack				
Michael Von Ohlen				
Nora Salinas				
Bryan King				
Susan Morrison				
Melissa Hawthorne				
Heidi Goebel				
Cathy French (SRB only)				

OWNER/APPLICANT: Karen and Drew Prairie

ADDRESS: 7600 DOWNRIDGE DR

VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has requested a variance to decrease the minimum rear yard setback requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 10 feet to 6.5 feet in order to remodel a pool cabana/dressing room and enclose a covered deck area to create a two-family residential use in an "SF-3", Family Residence zoning district.

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BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED TO JAN 9, 2012

FINDING:

1. The Zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

- 2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
 - (b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
- 3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

Susan Walker

Executive Liaison

Jeff Jack

Chairman



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE VARIANCE

Mailing Date: December 1, 2011

Case Number: C15-2011-0138

Please be advised that the City of Austin has received an application for a variance from the Land Development Code.

Applicant:	V O. D.
	Karen & Drew Prairie; 512-342-8771
Owner:	G
	Same
Address:	7000 DOWN
	7600 DOWNRIDGE DR

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This application is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on December 12th, 2011. The meeting will be held at City Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street beginning at 5:30 PM.

You are being notified because City Ordinance requires that all property owners and utility account holders within 500 feet of the proposed development and affected neighborhood organizations be notified when an application is scheduled for a public hearing. If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Susan Walker of the Planning and Development Review Department at 512-974-2202 and refer to the Case Number at the top right of this notice. However, you may also find information on this case at our web site www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/index.jsp.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, please visit our web site www.ci.ausfin.tx.us/development.

Walker, Susan

From:

McDonald, John

Sent:

Tuesday, December 06, 2011 10:47 AM

To:

Walker, Susan

Subject:

FW: Notice for C15-2011-0138 (7600 Downridge Drive)

Importance: High

Attachments: doc20111205142359.pdf

This is what I sent Chris.

JMM

From: McDonald, John

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2011 3:42 PM

To: Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]

Subject: Notice for C15-2011-0138 (7600 Downridge Drive)

Importance: High

Chris.

See the .pdf. I numbered the variances so you would know which one I was talking about.

I had a meeting with Greg and Sylvia Benavidez on this property this morning. They do not have an active plan review application yet since their submittal package is incomplete. All they have is a placeholder PR folder created by Sylvia. They are proceding to BOA without gone through a formal plan review (which we have historically allowed - bad idea/process in my opinion).

Greg brought up three areas for me to look at in the notification. The first is number one where it states this is a remodel to a pool cabana/dressing room and enclose a covered deck area to create a two-family residential use. The enclosure is an addition of living area (habitable space), which constitutes an addition and not a remodel.

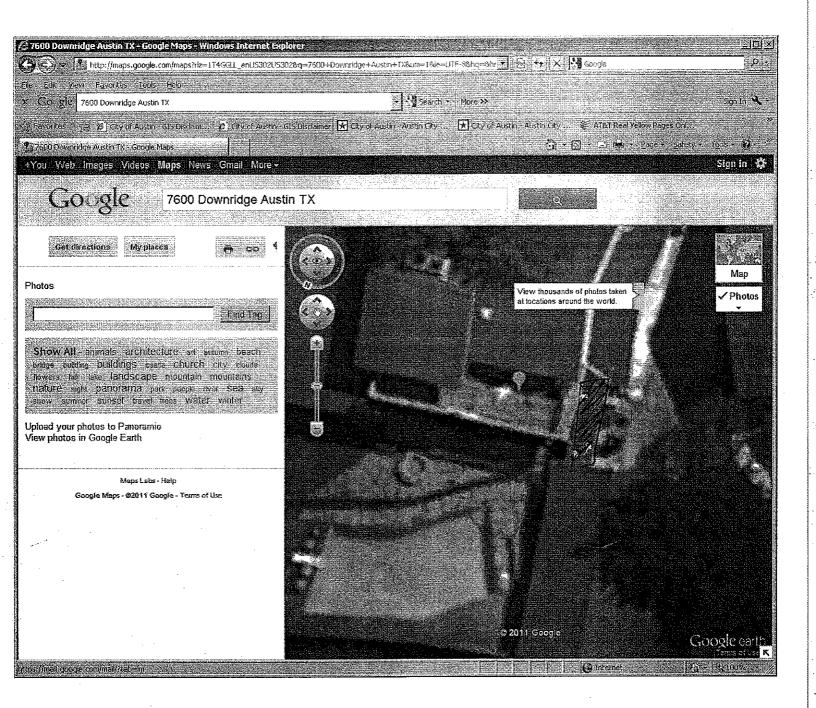
The second area is variance number four. The variance should be from Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (Residential Desigin and Compatibility Standards) Section 2.6(E). This section goes into detail about what is allowed to extend beyond a setback plane; in which, the applicant meets none of the allowable exceptions.

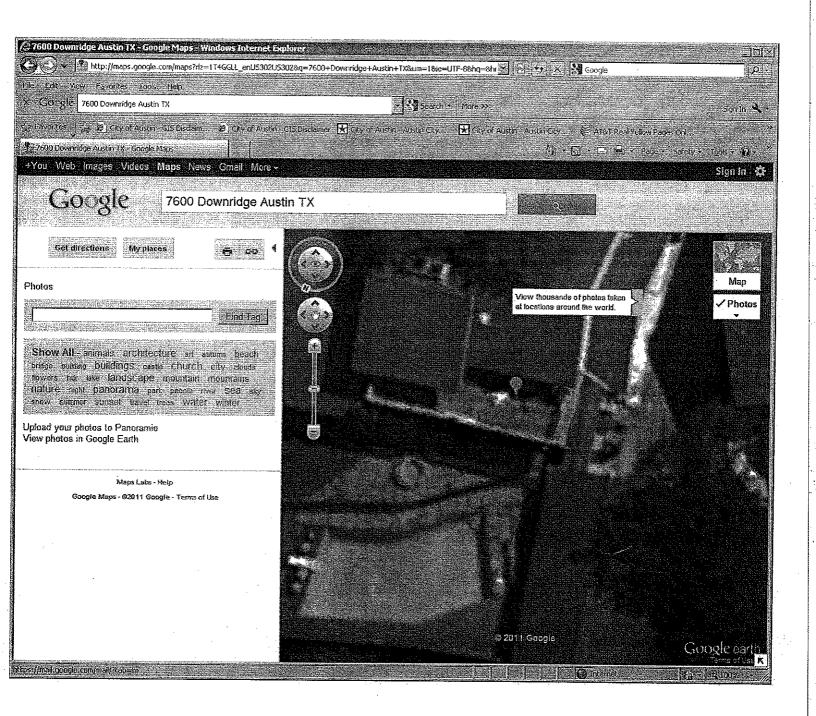
The third area was whether or not a variance would be needed to meet 15' of separation between the principal structure and the secondary dwelling unit. The structure meets the requirements as long as the first floor patio and second floor deck are open (not screened or half enclosed). Sylvia is contacting the Code Compliance Inspector to verify this and I will let you know as soon as I have that information.

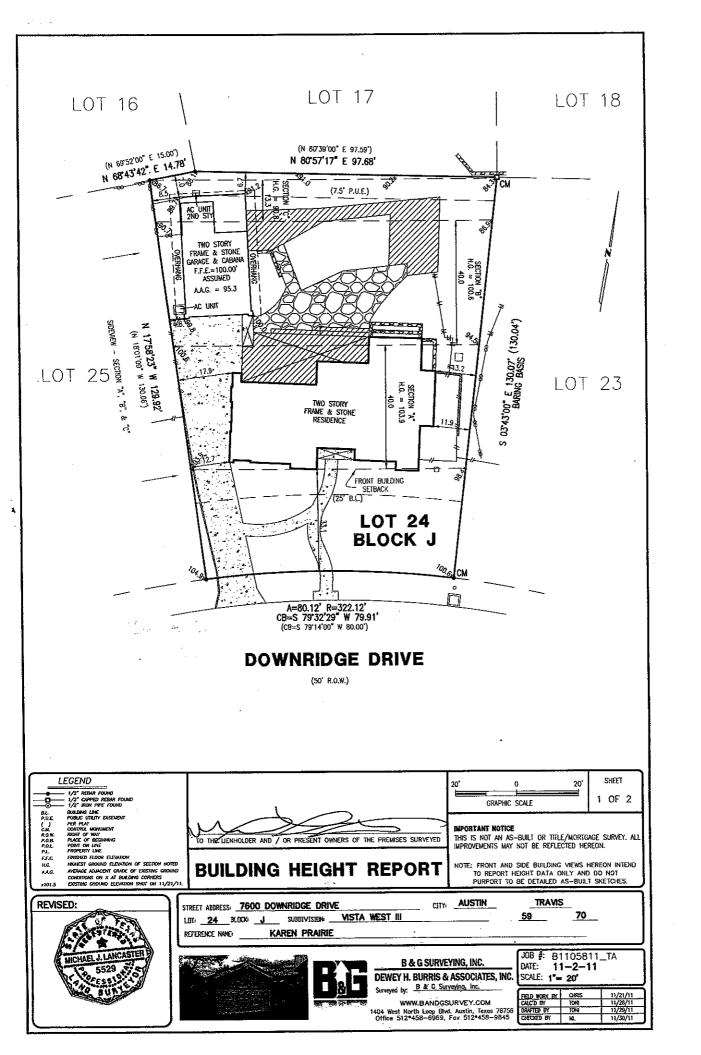
Greg thought based on all of this the case should be postponed on December 12th. Let me know if you have any questions.

P.S. Sorry the scan is upside down. Use "View - Rotate Clockwise."

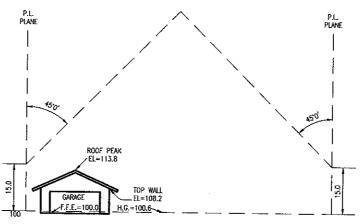
John M. McDonald Planner Principal Residential Review/PDRD 974-2728 - Office iohn.mcdonald@ci.austin.tx.us



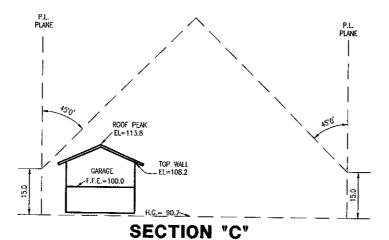




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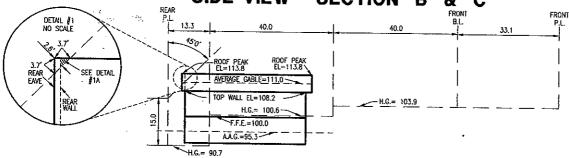


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SIDE VIEW - SECTION "B" & "C"



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BUILDING HEIGHT REPORT

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SHEET

THRS IS NOT AN AS-BUILT OR TITLE/MORTGAGE SURVEY. ALL IMPROVEMENTS MAY NOT BE REFLECTED HEREON.

Note: Front and side building views hereon intend to report height data only and do not purport to be detailed as—built sketches.





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CITY: AUSTIN

TRAVIS

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KAREN PRAIRIE

REFERENCE NAME:



B & G SURVEYING, INC.

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WWW.BANDGSURVEY.COM 1404 West North Loop Blvd. Austin, Texas 78756 Office 512*458-6969, Fax 512*458-9845

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Walker, Susan

From:

Gibbs, Carol

Sent:

Tuesday, December 06, 2011 5:52 PM

To:

Betty_E@msn.com

Cc:

Guernsey, Greg; Walker, Susan; McDonald, John; Benavidez, Sylvia; Ramirez, Diana; Johnson, Christopher

[PDRD]

Subject: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge

Betty,

In response to your phone call at 5:25pm today, I am documenting what I just told you:

Per my in-person conversation with Greg Guernsey earlier this afternoon, I can assure you that this case cannot be heard at the Dec 12 Board of Adjustments hearing because there was an error in the notice that was mailed out. Apparently that notice referred to the wrong Section # when citing what section the requested variance(s) applies to in the Land Development Code. That type of mistake constitutes a notification error, which means the case cannot be heard as scheduled, another notice will have to be mailed out, and you can expect the case to be scheduled for the next BOA meeting. I do not know the specific # that was mis-cited, nor what that section # should be — only that it constitutes a postponement.

I understand you had requested this information earlier today, but since I was the only one you were able to reach by phone at this hour, I felt compelled to at least give you this much in writing. I have no additional knowledge about the details of the variance(s) to discuss with you, but hopefully you can rest somewhat, now that the case will not be heard on Monday.

If I have mis-represented anything in this email, I trust one of the others CC'd here will advise us both.

Thank you for your patience.

Carol

Carol Gibbs, Neighborhood Advisor
City of Austin Planning & Development Review Dept.
505 Barton Springs Rd.
512-974-7219
www.ci.austin.tx.us/neighborhood

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Walker, Susan

From:

Walker, Susan

Sent:

Wednesday, December 07, 2011 4:07 PM

To:

Guernsey, Greg; betty_e@msn.com

Cc:

Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]; Gibbs, Carol; McDonald, John

Subject: RE: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive

The applicant will meet both of those requirements for the door within 10 feet of the rear property line and meets the 15' separation requirement and will bring the 4th variance into compliance, so that will not be a notification error. To my knowledge, no additional variances are needed and all are correctly posted.

Susan Walker Senior Planner Planning & Development Review Department

Phone: 512-974-2202 Fax: 512-974-6536

From: Guernsey, Greg

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 3:39 PM

To: 'betty e@msn.com'; Walker, Susan

Cc: Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]; Gibbs, Carol; McDonald, John

Subject: RE: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive

Also, as stated to me on 12/5 by both Mr. Guernsey and John McDonald, there are additional required variances and other revisions that will need to still be added to the case going before the board that are not addressed in this notification.

Hi Betty:

FYI: I would like to clarify the above statement. We did not say additional variances were required. We said additional variances may be required and I referenced the door within 10 feet of the rear property line and 15 separation requirements between the front and rear buildings. John did state the posting language for the 4th variance on the notice needed to be revised.

Greg

From: betty_e@msn.com [mailto:betty_e@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 2:56 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Cc: Guernsey, Greg; Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]; Gibbs, Carol

Subject: Re: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive

Susan-

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I understand that can be delivered by fax or email to you.

Is there any additional information or updates you can provide?

thanks

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Betty Epstein

Case # C15-2011-0138- 7600 Downridge Drive City of Austin- Susan Walker Board of Adjustment, December 12, 2011

Ms. Walker-

As an adjacent property owner to the property referenced above, please have my objection to the requested variance(s) presented to the members of the Board of Adjustment in advance of their actions on December 12. 2011

I oppose the requested variances for the following reasons:

- 1) These proposed variance requests, if approved would impair the use of my adjacent property in terms of privacy, drainage, property value, noise, etc.
- 2) This property and my property are both part of the Vista West 3 subdivision, which is a deed restricted community. These variance requests, if approved, would violate those deed restrictions and restrictive covenants which prohibit this 2-family use. Covenant II.A states 'No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot other than one single-family dwelling. In their City of Austin residential permit application which they had to sign, it is stated that "I understand I am responsible for complying with any subdivision notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions (i.e.: height, access, screening, etc) on this property."
- 3) This 2-family residential change of use is not in line with the neighborhood character that does not allow duplexes, garage apartments or other 2-family dwellings and it does in fact alter the character of the area adjacent to the property.
- 3) The application represents that this is a legal non-complying structure. However, this structure did not comply with applicable regulations at the time this addition was constructed. I will provide ample evidence to support this.
- 4) The applicant's own survey data submitted with their application showed their intent to expand the square footage of their rear structure. (which has already been increased)
- 5) This is not a request to construct a 2-family residence in a setback. This is a request for approval to retain buildings and improvements that were already constructed without city permits. None of these BOA variances were sought proactively by the homeowner but only done because the property owner was cited by code compliance for developing illegally without a permit.

6) This imposing accessory structure apartment was constructed in extreme close proximity just over 6 feet from my property line, towering over and stares right down into my home.

I want what we all do, to maintain a sense of privacy in my own home. This apartment impedes significantly on that privacy.

I respectfully ask the commission to deny the variance(s) being requested.

they Epstein

Please come look at the property for yourself. You will not be able to see this apartment from the street as it is behind their garage. Please feel free to come up my driveway and to the back of the lot at 7620 Parkview Circle to view the property from the rear.

Thank You,

Betty Epstein

7620 Parkview Circle

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A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

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Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice.	Case Number: C15-2011-0138 – 7600 Downridge Drive Contact: Susan Walker, 512-974-2202 Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, December 12th, 2011	Your Name (please print) Your Name (please print) YOUR NAME (please print) YOUR MARKINIAN) YOUR PREKINIAN YOUR PREKINIAN	Your address (es) affected by this application (2) 11	Dayrime Telephone: 512-413-8803	Comments. (Se #50 See 14 Hached	Comments		If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to: City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor Susan Walker P. O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-1088	
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Is there any additional information or updates you can provide?

thanks

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Address: 7625 Parkview Circle

Austin, TX 78731

Telephone: 512-418-9687

Date: 12/7/11

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December 7, 2011

Case # C15-2011-0138- 7600 Downridge Drive City of Austin- Susan Walker Board of Adjustment, December 12, 2011

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I want what we all do, to maintain a sense of privacy in my own home. This apartment impedes significantly on that privacy.

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You were CC'd on a message last night from Carol Gibbs at 5:51 PM stating "Per my in-person conversation with Greg Guernsey earlier this afternoon, I can assure you that this case cannot be heard at the Dec 12 Board of Adjustments hearing because there was an error in the notice that was mailed out. Apparently

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that notice referred to the wrong Section # when citing what section the requested variance(s) applies to in the Land Development Code. That type of mistake constitutes a notification error, which means the case cannot be heard as scheduled, another notice will have to be mailed out, and you can expect the case to be scheduled for the next BOA meeting. I do not know the specific # that was mis-cited, nor what that section # should be — only that it constitutes a postponement.

Also, as stated to me on 12/5 by both Mr. Guernsey and John McDonald, there are additional required variances and other revisions that will need to still be added to the case going before the board that are not addressed in this notification. It appears to be an incomplete case as filed. As I understand the this too dictated with certainty the case must be postponed. In addition the application was incomplete and notices not timely issued. My understanding was there is no question about this postponement and that it is a given. Is that not correct?

I also understood that if applicant elects or in certain situations the case effectively gets postponed in advance vs.- at the meeting. None of us want to show up or prepare for a meeting that will inevitably not be heard. Is that unavoidable?

With information still coming in in pieces and last minute revisions, it is simply impossible to be able to prepare any reasonable response at this midnight hour. There is too much still in flux. The true case in full is still not yet represented. With the way this has gone I was left with hardly moments to prepare but do want to at least get some comment included in the advance package to the board. It may be much later today as I will be tied up with some meetings. Per Mr. Guernsey as long as I get that to you by tomorrow morning it will be included. I understand that can be delivered by fax or email to you.

Is there any additional information or updates you can provide?

thanks

---- Original Message ----From: Walker, Susan
To: betty e@msn.com

Cc: Guernsey, Greg; Johnson, Christopher [PDRD]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 1:38 PM
Subject: RE: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive

Betty,

If the case is postponed, we will include any information received in the packet for the month that it is postponed to...which I presume would be January 9th. You can also submit new information for that hearing also, but the previously submitted material does not need to be submitted twice.

You will get new notification of the postponed hearing if the variance is postponed and the requested variances change.

The Board of Adjustment will confirm the postponement (if necessary) on December 12th and I am sure it will heard at the January 9th hearing.

I do not have any knowledge at this time that the application is being withdrawn and/or refiled. If the applicant withdraws the case, then the case will remain on the agenda and I will state that the applicant has withdrawn at the hearing. The applicant has not given me any indication that she is withdrawing however.

I have been told that staff is requesting that this case be postponed. If so, you will have additional time to prepare responses for the Board of Adjustment.

If you should have any further questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Susan Walker

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Senior Planner

Planning & Development Review Department

Phone: 512-974-2202 Fax: 512-974-6536

From: betty_e@msn.com [mailto:betty_e@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 10:07 AM

To: Walker, Susan

Cc: Guernsey, Greg; Johnson, Christopher [PDRD] **Subject:** C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive

Hi Susan-

Apparently this case is not ready, will require additional variances and revisions, and thus is set to be postponed from the December 12 agenda.

Can you please explain a couple of things to me regarding how this will work:

Are we (neighboring property owners) still to include our response to the notice dated 12/1 regarding this hearing to be included in the packets going out to the board late this week?

Will there be another notice and another opportunity to do so when the case gets re-filed?

When would it be re-scheduled and when can that re-scheduled hearing date be confirmed?

Is this latest application (11/30-revision) being withdrawn then re-filed? if it is withdrawn then is it then confirmed off the docket immediately?

Could you provide any updates?

I am trying to understand if those of us who would have wanted to include comments in advance and/or attend need to go ahead and act now, and prepare to attend this December 12 hearing or not.

If you could explain where we are and how this works, I would appreciate it.

With little time remaining, especially if we do want to include anything ahead, I would appreciate a prompt reply.

Thank you,

Betty Epstein

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	Lothar A. Olman
	Your Name (please print) 7602 Parkview Circle Austin, TX 78731
	Your address(es) affected by this application
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	Signature Date
	Daytime Telephone: 5 December 2011
	Comments: 512-345-9157
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	If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
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	P. O. Box 1088
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CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

INFORMATION COMPLETED.		
STREET ADDRESS:	7600 Downridge Drive	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision –	Vista West III	
Lot(s) 24 Block J Outle	otDivision	
I/We <u>Karen Prairie and Andrew</u> myself/ourselves as authorized agent for	v Prairie on beha	lf of
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hereby apply for a hearing before the Boat (check appropriate items below)		PA IN I
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Regarding our existing legal non-con	nplying structure:	
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	se the maximum impervious coverage f	rom 45%
to 49% in order to maintain impe	rvious coverage for a single family resid	
proposed two-family residential u		
	se the minimum side yard setback from	
-	e enclosure of an existing covered carp	port for a
garage.		

D) We request a variance from the maximum linear feet of gables or dormers protruding from the setback plane; from the maximum development permitted in order to remodel a pool cabana/dressing room and enclose a covered deck area to create a two-family residential use.
in a SF3 district. (zoning district)
NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.
VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):
REASONABLE USE:
 The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because: We are making improvements to a legal non-complying pre-existing structure that when originally constructed was only required to be setback 5' from the rear property line. The improvements we are making do not alter the existing roofline. We are not expanding the footprint of the structure.
HARDSHIP:
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:
The zoning regulations only required a 5' setback when the structure was built in 1980, but the regulation changed and is now 10'. The 10' minimum setback requirements were not in place when the structure was originally built. We are not

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

The structure was originally built in compliance with setback regulations and the structure was originally placed at the rear of the property due to the unique

constructed in 1980.

shape of the lot.

AREA CHARACTER:

3.	The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:
receipts an ex of prosty	For this legal non-complying pre-existing structure, we are not altering the roofline the structure. We are not expanding the footprint of the structure. We are actually ducing the footprint of the structure in four areas: 1) by removing a portion of a deck at was a couple feet from the property line and was encroaching into the P.U.E., 2) by moving a staircase that was a couple feet from the property line and was encroaching to the P.U.E., 3) by removing a landing that was a couple feet from the property line d was encroaching into the P.U.E., and 4) by removing another portion of the deck that tends into the P.U.E By removing the deck, staircase, landing, and the other portion the deck, we are actually increasing the space between the structure and our rear operty line in numerous places. All of the work being proposed is being done in the rele of the existing building and other buildings on the property, and we are using atching materials (siding, paint, etc) to what was previously used on the structure. Here materials are consistent with the "look and feel" of structures in the neighborhood.
Re Bo res fin	ARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.) equest for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The park may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with spect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes dings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply: Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
2.	The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
3.	The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

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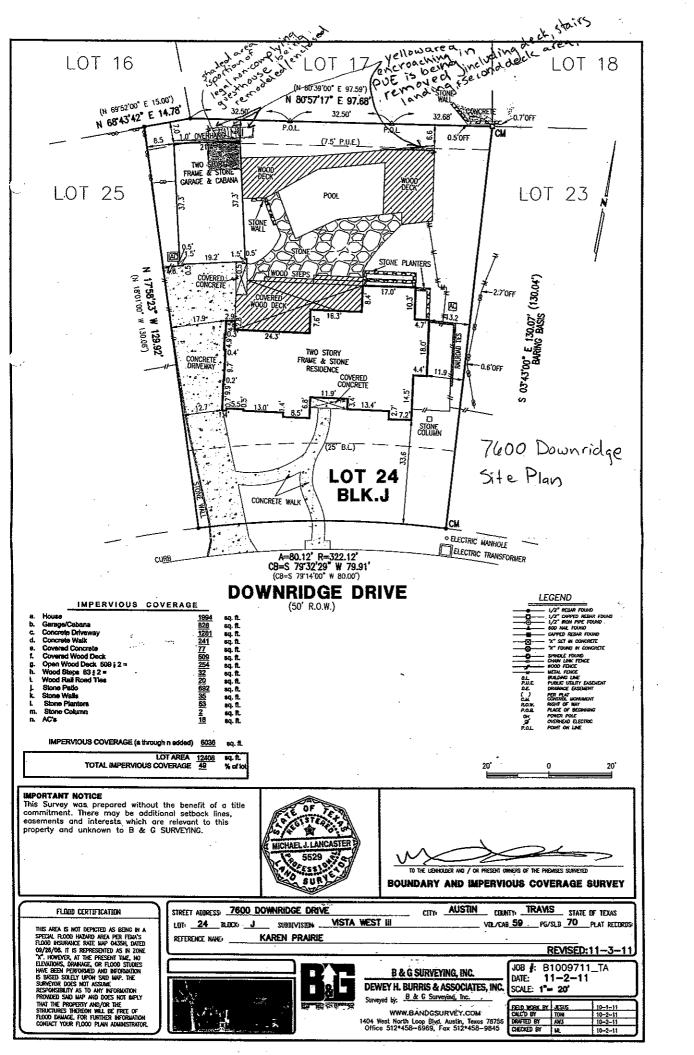
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(The following is intended to provide assistance in explaining the variance process. These suggestions are not intended to be a complete or exhaustive guide in assisting you through this process.)

VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

General Requirements:

- A. A variance may be granted if, because of special circumstances of a property, the strict application of the Land Development Code regulations deprives the property owner of privileges that are enjoyed by another person who owns property in the area that has the same zoning designation as the property for which the variance is requested.
- **B.** A variance to a regulation may not grant special privileges that are inconsistent with the limitations on other properties in the area or in the district in which the property is located.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE VARIANCE

Mailing Date: December 1, 2011

Case Number: C15-2011-0138

Please be advised that the City of Austin has received an application for a variance from the Land Development Code.

Applicant:	Karen & Drew Prairie; 512-342-8771
Owner:	Same
Address:	7600 DOWNRIDGE DR

Variance Request(s): The applicant has requested a variance to decrease the minimum rear yard setback requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 10 feet to 6.5 feet in order to remodel a pool cabana/dressing room and enclose a covered deck area to create a two-family residential use in an "SF-3", Family Residence zoning district.

The applicant has requested a variance to increase the maximum impervious coverage requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 45% to 49% in order to maintain impervious coverage for a single family residence and proposed two-family residential use in an "SF-3", Family Residence zoning district.

The applicant has requested a variance to decrease the minimum side yard setback requirement of Section 25-2-492 (D) from 5 feet to 4.8 feet in order maintain the enclosure of an existing covered carport for a garage in an "SF-3", Family Residence zoning district.

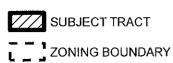
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This application is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on December 12th, 2011. The meeting will be held at City Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street beginning at 5:30 PM.

You are being notified because City Ordinance requires that all property owners and utility account holders within 500 feet of the proposed development and affected neighborhood organizations be notified when an application is scheduled for a public hearing. If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Susan Walker of the Planning and Development Review Department at 512-974-2202 and refer to the Case Number at the top right of this notice. However, you may also find information on this case at our web site www.ci.austin.tx.us/devreview/index.jsp.







CASE#: C15-2011-0138

LOCATION: 7600 DOWNRIDGE DRIVE



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City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor

Susan Walker

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-1088

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For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.ci.austin.tx.us/development.

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and sate, The variance they are asking for is very small and this reighborhood has so many trees, nobedy would even notice a difference.	Comments: We are in Favor of allowing Karen and Drew to make the remodel on their house. They are great neighbors and do a great job taking care of their house. Keeping howes maintained and	Your address(es) affected by this application 12/6/11 Signature Date Date	Your Name (please print) Your Name (please print) That Parkyiew Circle	Case Number: C15-2011-0138 - 7600 Downridge Drive Contact: Susan Walker, 512-974-2202 Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, December 12th, 2011

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CASE # (15-2011-0138
ROW# 10682672
CITY OF AUSTIN TP-0144 U8-02-25
APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE
ng of this appeal stops all affected construction activity

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.
STREET ADDRESS: 7600 Downridge Drive
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision – Vista West III
Lot(s) 24 Block J Outlot Division
I/We Karen Prairie and Andrew Prairie on behalf of myselfourselves as authorized agent for affirm that on $0/24$,
hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items below)
ERECT ATTACH COMPLETEX_REMODELX MAINTAIN
A) An existing legal non-complying guesthouse a.k.a. a pool cabana to enclose end deck for living area providing a rear setback of 6.5 feet. B) A side setback of 4.7 feet in a Storiet. (zoning district) A side setback of 4.7 feet Condition of the setback of 4.7 feet Storiet of the setback of 4.7 feet Condition of the setback of 4.7 feet A side setback of 4.7 feet A side setback of 4.7 feet Condition of the setback of 4.7 feet A side setback of 4.7 feet

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HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

The zoning regulations only required a 5' setback when the structure was built in 1980, but the regulation changed and is now 10'. The 10' minimum setback requirements were not in place when the structure was originally built. We are not adding any new square feet. For our legal non-complying pre-existing structure, partial porch enclosure is the necessity for the variance. It would be an undue hardship to have to remove a portion of the structure that was in compliance when constructed in 1980.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

The structure was originally built in compliance with setback regulations and the structure was originally placed at the rear of the property due to the unique shape of the lot.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

For this legal non-complying pre-existing structure, we are not altering the roofline of the structure. We are not expanding the footprint of the structure. We are actually reducing the footprint of the structure in four areas: 1) by removing a portion of a deck

that was a couple feet from the property line and was encroaching into the P.U.E., 2) by removing a staircase that was a couple feet from the property line and was encroaching into the P.U.E., 3) by removing a landing that was a couple feet from the property line and was encroaching into the P.U.E., and 4) by removing another portion of the deck that extends into the P.U.E. . By removing the deck, staircase, landing, and the other portion of the deck, we are actually increasing the space between the structure and our rear property line in numerous places. All of the work being proposed is being done in the style of the existing building and other buildings on the property, and we are using matching materials (siding, paint, etc) to what was previously used on the structure. These materials are consistent with the "look and feel" of structures in the neighborhood. PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.) Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply: 1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because: 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because: 3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because: 4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

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Austin Energy Electric Service Planning Application (ESPA) For Residential and Commercial "SERVICE ONLY"

Under 350 amps 10 or 225 amps 30

Check this box if this is for a building permit only.

(Please print or type. Fields left blank will be considered Not Applicable.)
Responsible Person for Service Request Kaven Prairie
Email Nova i Vie & Austin, r.J. CAM
Project Name Repurpose Use of Par New Construction Remodeling
Project Address 1600 Down Googe 1)n
Legal Description Lot Block
Requested Service Duration; Permanent Service Construction
Who is your electrical service provider? AE Other Other
Overhead or Underground Voltage 220 Single-phase (1φ) or Three-phase (3φ) Service Main Size(s) 200 Amp (amps) Number of Meters?
AE Service Length (ft.) Conductor (type & size)
SqFt Per Unit #Units All Electric Gas & Electric Other
Total AC Load 6.5 (Tons) Largest AC unit 3.5 (Tons)
LRA (Locked Rotor Amps) of Largest AC Unit 28 (Amps)
Electric Heating 30 (kW) Other(kW)
Comments: Enclose a room on detached pad house
ESPA Completed by (Signature & Print name) Date Phone
AE Representative Approved: Yes No (Remarks on back)
Application expires 180 days after date of Approval (Any change to the above information requires a new ESPA) Date Phone AE APPROVE
Version 1.1.0.0 All structures etc. must maintain 7'5" clearance from AE energized power lines. Enforced by AE & NESC codes. CCT 17 2011 RLS 2 ^{C(O-1)}

The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(The following is intended to provide assistance in explaining the variance process. These suggestions are not intended to be a complete or exhaustive guide in assisting you through this process.)

VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

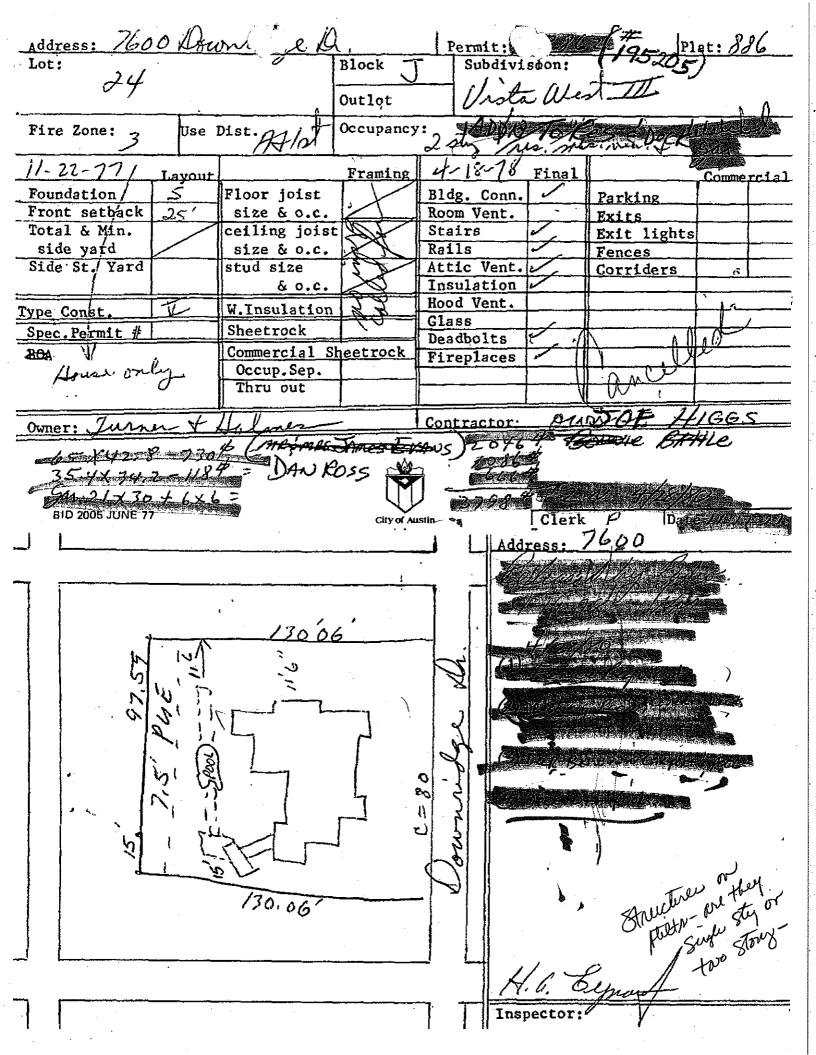
General Requirements:

- A. A variance may be granted if, because of special circumstances of a property, the strict application of the Land Development Code regulations deprives the property owner of privileges that are enjoyed by another person who owns property in the area that has the same zoning designation as the property for which the variance is requested.
- **B.** A variance to a regulation may not grant special privileges that are inconsistent with the limitations on other properties in the area or in the district in which the property is located.

<u>SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:</u> (Failure to complete the application or to submit all the required materials will result in non-acceptance of the application.)

- (1) A completed application indicating all variances being requested. An application must include proposed findings that will support requested variances. The required findings must address each variance being sought.
- (2) A site plan to scale indicating present and proposed construction and location and use of structures on adjacent lots.
- (3) Check made payable to the City of Austin for the Board of Adjustment application fee. (Residential zoning \$360. All other zonings \$660.)
- (4) Other Information Although the following is not a requirement of submittal you may wish to include additional information that may assist the Board in making an informed decision regarding your request such as: photos of the site or visual aids to support the request, letters from the neighborhood association(s)





OWNER Turner & Holmes	ADDRESS 7600 Downridge Dr.
PLAT 886 LOT	24 BLK J
SUBDIVISION Vista West	III
OCCUPANCY Res.	
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Walker, Susan

From:

Benavidez, Sylvia

Sent:

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To:

Walker, Susan

Subject: 7600 Downridge - Variance

In case she needs the tent variance.

Maximum linear feet of gables or dormers protruding from the setback plane; from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2

of the Land Development Code, Section 2.8.1 A (2)

